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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 which identified three references. Copies of the references are attached as well. The relevancy of these references is described on the first three pages of the subject application. The Examiner is requested to consider this prior art during the examination and to make the references of record.

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